

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Worship Service October 18, 2026
21th Sunday after Pentecost
Stewardship Campaign: Stewardship is Heart Work
Worship Leaders: Rev. Effie McAvoy & Linda Gay

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Instrumental

OPENING PRAYER

Loving, living God, be among us now. Show us your ways. Guide our steps. Live in us, that we may be people of steadfast hope and powerful giving. Help us hear your words, challenging us to give you all the things that are yours. Help us remember that all we are and all we have are gifts from you, gifts to be shared in service and love. Holy One among us, help us be a holy people who receive your word with joy and live your message with love. **Amen.**

Written by Mary Scifres on the Ministry

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MUSIC

"God of Grace & God of Glory"

UMH # 577

Please stand in body or in spirit

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory now and forever. Amen.

TITHES & OFFERING

[HTTPS://WWW.SOVUMC.ORG/GIVING](https://www.sovumc.org/giving)

OFFERTORY

"OH HOLY SPIRIT, ROOT OF LIFE"

SOV Choir

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

Please stand in body or in spirit

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CENTERING HYMN

"In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful"

TFWS # 2195

NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

MESSAGE

Gratitude ~ Just Say Thanks

Rev. Effie McAvoy

MUSIC

"How Firm a Foundation"

UMH No.529 (vs.1,3,5)

CLOSING PRAYER

POSTLUDE

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Worship @ 9A

SUNDAY SCHOOL (September-May) Sundays, 9AM

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9AM - Noon

Rev. Effie McAvoy, Pastor, Lisa Marciniak, Family & Children's Ministry Coordinator
Mary Hunter and Megan Crete, Lay Leaders- Cathy Clasper-Torch, Music Leader

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY UMC VISION STATEMENT

We are a multi-generational Christ community seeking to sing God's spirit
into the world by inviting all, serving all, loving all.